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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED MAY 11 FROM
MINDEF (SUBSTANTIVE PORTION ONLY):

QUOTE: WITH REFERENCE TO OUR TALKS WITH ADM SHEAR ON MONDAY
5 MAY 75, IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOATS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO SUPPLY US WITH THE OFFERS AND
COMPLETE TECHNICAL LITERATURE FOR THE SUPPLY OF THE FOLLOWING
NAVAL UNITS:

- 1- FIVE FAST MILITARY BOATS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED
SPECIFICATIONS, OR THEIR EQUIVALENT OF YOUR AUTHORITIES;
- 2- FIVE MINE SWEEPERS; AND
- 3- FIVE MINE DETECTORS. UNQUOTE.

2. SPECIFICATIONS REFERRED TO:

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QUOTE: THE FAST PATROL BOATS, WHOSE DESIGN MUST BE BASED ON EXISTING PROVEN DESIGN, ARE REQUIRED FOR OPERATION IN THE ARABIAN GULF AND THE INDIAN OCEAN UNDER VARIOUS CLIMATICAL CONDITIONS.

(1) FEATURES:

HULL-WELDED STEEL
SURFACE AND UPPER PART-ALUMINUM
INTERNAL PARTITIONS-ALUMINUM
OVERALL LENGTH-NOT LESS THAN 150 FT
SPEED-NOT LESS THAN 40 KNOTS/HOUR
RANGE-NOT LESS THAN 2500 NM AT A SPEED OF 15 KNOTS/HR
WATER AND FUEL TANKS SUFFICIENT FOR ABOVE
ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED, I.E. CABIN WITH A/C UNITS, VENTILATION SYSTEM AND WATER DISTILLATION PLANT.

(2) ELECTRICAL POWER: THE FOLLOWING ARE TO BE SUPPLIED:

HIGH VOLTAGE CURRENT -- 440 VOLT
MEDIUM VOLTAGE -- 115 VOLT
LOW VOLTAGE CURRENT A/C -- 24 VOLTS
AND ALSO TO BE PROVIDED WITH A/C AND D/C POWER UNITS.

(3) ARMAMENTS: THESE BOATS TO BE AN ACTIVE FORCE AS FOR ITS ARMAMENT AND WITH EFFECTIVE LONG-RANGE WEAPONS, I.E. TO BE EQUIPPED WITH:

--LONG-RANGE SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE WITH FOUR LONG-RANGE LAUNCHERS
--76MM GUNS AGAINST SURFACE AND AIR TARGETS
--LIGHT MACHINE GUNS
--ROCKET FLARE LAUNCHERS WITH READY USE STOWAGE FOR 24 ROCKET FLARES
--30MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS (TWIN BARREL)

(4)

--THE BOATS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THE NECESSARY SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENTS AND FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE GUNS AND ROCKETS AT THE SAME TIME.
--PLOTING SYSTEM, VERTICAL REFERENCE, ANTI-JAMMING SYSTEM COMPOSED OF TWO SETS TO SPREAD SILVER PIECES FOR JAMMING AGAINST ROCKETS.

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--STABILIZED SURFACE SURVEILLANCE AND NAVIGATION RADAR
FITTED WITH DISPLAYS AND IN CHARTHOUSE/OPERATIONS ROOM
--POSITION FINDING SYSTEMS TYPE DECCA AND OMEGA
--DIRECTION FINDING AUTOMATIC SYSTEM
--ECHO SOUNDER, GYRO COMPASS AND MAGNETIC COMPASS
--POSITIVE/NEGATIVE SYSTEMS FOR HEARING/LOCATING THE DIRECTION
--ALSO WITH ALL THE HIGH FREQUENCY WIRELESS SETS, MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO BE USED IN THE BOATS

--ALL BOATS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH RESCUE EQUIPMENTS.

UNQUOTE

3. GOK MILITARY HAS MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT MOST IMPORTANT GOK DESIRE IN NAVAL MATTERS IS HARPOON-EQUIPPED HIGH-SPEED CRAFT. DETAILS OF SPECIFICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, ETC., AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A HARD REQUIREMENT.

4. IN REGARD TO THE MINE "DETECTORS" AND MINESWEEPERS, THE GOK IS COMPLETELY OPEN TO RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALTERNATE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE BASIC CAPABILITY AND IS AWARE THAT USN NOW USES CH/RH-53 HELICOPTERS FOR MINE CLEARANCE. (NOTE: MAJGEN SHAIKH MUBARAK, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF WAS PROVIDED WITH A MINE WARFARE BRIEFING BY CPT TRAWEEK, USN, OF JCS STAFF, IN DEC.)

5. AS EMBASSY HAS STATED PREVIOUSLY, (REFTELS (A), (B), (C), AND (D), WE RECOMMEND THAT USG RESPOND IMMEDIATELY WITH A STATEMENT THAT USG IS WILLING TO ASSIST GOK IN ESTABLISHING A NAVY INCLUDING HARPOON-EQUIPPED, HIGH-SPEED PATROL CRAFT. DETAILS MAY BE WORKED OUT LATER BY NAVAL EXPERTS. SUGGEST ISSUE BE DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON AREA ON HOME LEAVE.
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